

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held in the Coach House
on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice-Chairman: Cllr D Spencer
Councillors: A Adshead, R Chapman, J Clark, M Dear, J Devlin, C Dyer,
M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

86. Apologies for absence

None

87. Declarations of Interest

None

88. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None

89. Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20th February 2018

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

90. Environment Committee Accounts

(a) Members received a copy of the accounts in respect of the Environment Committee from 1st April 2017 to 27th March 2018.

Resolved: information noted

91. Working Party/Project Group Minutes

Members received and considered the following minutes;

(a) Christmas Lights WP Meeting held on 21st March 2018. Cllr Clark presented the minutes and informed members that a new stage provider had been hired. Questions were asked about cost savings for the event and whether ECC had responded to the letter about the faulty lamp columns. The cost of the road closure is a saving of £900 and County Cllr R Moore had received a formal response from ECC Highways apologising for the inconvenience but that no compensation will be forthcoming.

Resolved: information noted.

92. Reschedule of High Street Litter Pick

A new date was discussed and it was;

Resolved: that the Litter Pick is held on Saturday 19th May from 9.30am -11.00am

93. War Memorial

Members received and considered the following information;

(a) ECC Highways has given permission for the electricity supply to be taken from the column in Chapel Street, all costs to be borne by the Town Council, and the revised design is awaited from RSE. The issue with the paving stones since removal of the lime tree stump will be discussed at the next Environment Committee.

(b) A proposal from Cllr Devlin that crowdfunding is used to provide two There but Not There Tommy statues. Discussion took place and it was agreed that the War Memorial is the most appropriate location, but the council will need to find out whether permission is required to site them there. Concern was also expressed about whether they would be vandal proof. Cllr Clark felt that displaying them for short periods might make people more respectful but Cllr Moore said that people who had contributed to their purchase might want to see them displayed permanently. Cllr Adshead said they could be kept in the Chantry Centre all year and moved to the War Memorial in November. Cllr Thomas suggested that they could be lit as part of the illumination project.

Resolved: that in principle the Town Council seeks to crowdfund the purchase of two There but Not There Tommys provided all necessary permissions are granted, and that they are sited at the War Memorial in November only.

94. Jim Shields Garden

Members considered the unspent amount of £4,500 in the 2017/18 budget and Cllr Devlin proposed that it is moved to Earmarked Reserves for a future project. Seconded by Cllr Chapman. Discussion took place about making residents aware of who Jim Shields was and it was agreed this could go in the Town Crier at a later date, when the garden is due to be enhanced.

Recommendation: that £4,500 be moved to Earmarked Reserves for a project in Jim Shields Garden.

95. Town Trail Walks

Members were advised that the dates have been set for Sunday 17th June, Sunday 15th July, Sunday 26th August and Sunday 2nd September. The walks are being led by David Bremner and Bob Reeves from the Billericay Society.

Resolved: Information noted.

96. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release

Litter Pick and Town Trail walks

97. Questions from the Press and Public

None

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm

Signed:.....Date: